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THE DUTY OF THE MAJORITY.

Any settlement of the silver question on the basis of the compromise reported in the "Evening World" of Saturday will leave undisturbed the most important issue raised during the controversy.

This issue should be decided at the earliest possible moment, either before or immediately after the fiscal bill is out of the way.

It is whether the majority of the minority must rule.

It was known that the Senate conducted its proceedings under an antiquated and absurd code of procedure. It was known that "Senatorial courtesy" had been carried to a ridiculous extreme. But the majority of the Senate had no right to be so carried away by its own passions as to facilitate as well as to regulate the proceedings. It was assumed that after a reasonable time for deliberation and debate the majority could force a vote upon any proposition. It was assumed that no rule would be so construed as to override the Constitution and defeat one of the chief objects for which it was adopted. No one outside of the Senate dreamed of the contention that one-fifth of the Senate could defeat the whole.

Four-fifths and the power of that body to perform its proper functions as a part of the National Legislature.

But such a construction has been insisted on by a number of Senators, notably by one of the oldest and most experienced members of the body. It has been practically put in operation. The result has startled the country and inspired a universal demand for a reversal of the doctrine.

The passage of the repeal bill in the manner proposed will leave this vital question unsettled. It will even leave the moral advantage with those who have insisted on the absurd construction. It will afford a warrant to any coteries or minorities to obstruct legislation on any subject that may arise, it matters not how important the matter may be, nor how solemnly the majority may be pledged to act upon it.

Does any one suppose the people will release the majority from their responsibility and their pledges upon the flimsy plea that the minority will not permit them to do what they promised and what they were elected to do? Can the Democratic party, before the country and ask for a reversal of power which it refuses to exercise? The plea of non-advice will not avail. It has made pledges and has been clothed with authority to perform them. It must perform them or end its career. If it stands in the way, change them. If the minority filibuster and obstruct, override them. Obey the orders of the people. Perform the pledges. Senator Hill seems the only member who has an adequate conception of the situation.

OUR NEW NAVY.

The report of Engineer-in-Chief Melville on the condition and prospects of our navy is highly gratifying. The comparisons he institutes between the boilers and other machinery made in this country and the best product of European manufacture in the same line refute the charges that we put too much metal in our boilers, and have not reached the best results attained elsewhere in other lines.

The fact is that all of our new ships, with a single exception, have withstood the test strains admirably, while the defects of the English machinery, under similar tests, have been so marked that a special committee was appointed to investigate the cause and recommend plans for improvement.

The engineer speaks favorably of the coil boiler as affording more room for coal, heavier armor for our cruisers and larger guns in battle-ships. It has been a long time since that they operate "in battery" with more ease and safety, and it only remains to be determined whether they will prove so durable as the other system. Should they prove equally satisfactory in this respect they will be used for almost the entire power of our fleet.

The report serves to illustrate the advantage we have gained from the numerous and costly experiments in other countries, the results of which have proved invaluable in the construction of our new manufacturing methods. A number of new ships are nearly completed and work on the rest is progressing rapidly.

MISGUIDED REFORMERS.

Twelve women of Occola, Neb., members of the local W. C. T. U., have gone into the reform business with a vengeance. Incidentally, they have also or even they have gone into jail. They adopted "Whitecap" methods to correct the morals of five young women whose behavior had not been quite up to the standard of propriety.

They were accompanied by a man, who was made with these girls, and when the five had been lured to a convenient spot the twelve set upon them and flogged them until forced from very exhaustion to desist. The pillowcases used as disguises were torn from the heads of some of the "reformers." In the fray one of the girls was wounded. Complaints were made and arrests followed in due form. There is every reason why these amateur Whitecaps should be well punished. Their proceedings were brutal, illegal and thoroughly un-Christian. They brought discredit upon themselves and upon the great organization of which they were members.

The girls were released, and the five were taken to a steady two-minute gait, and if the Judge has thoroughbred blood in him and is a Director or a Sunol or Maud S, he may be able to reef off divorces as fast as the quadruple presses.

HOPE ON THE DOMESTIC HORIZON.

In a Tacoma court Saturday afternoon a woman was granted a divorce within thirty minutes after she had filed the petition. The suit had been the quickest divorce on record. It placed Tacoma several days ahead of Chicago in the matrimonial-heating business. The achievement should attract a rush of husbands and wives with undesirable life companions, and it should place the gleaming Northwest on a par with the person in search of a divorce is more anxious than a rapid, noiseless, painless and smoothly earned absolute divorce.

Perhaps under pressure of business the Tacoma court would reduce the record to a steady two-minute gait, and if the Judge has thoroughbred blood in him and is a Director or a Sunol or Maud S, he may be able to reef off divorces as fast as the quadruple presses.

FALL FROM A FIRE-ESCAPE.

During a slight fire this morning on the second floor of the three-story building, 315 Madison street, occupied by Charles Friedberg, Rose Friedberg and three years old son, the boy was thrown from the fire-escape to the ground and was slightly injured.

STUCK TO THE POLICEMAN.

Gregory Drew Blood, but Had Cause to Regret It.

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He was taken to the County Hospital with a scalp wound.

St. Louis Firemen and Drivers at War.

St. Louis, Oct. 22.—A riot has been known to the members of the fire department and the drivers of the city's fire engines. The riot was the result of a dispute between the firemen and the drivers over the payment of the firemen's wages.

Two Horses Burned in a 9,000 Fire.

At 2:30 this morning a fire broke out in a stable building on the corner of 123rd and Madison streets, between 121st and 123rd streets. The fire was caused by a candle. The building, which was owned by Mrs. J. J. Smith, was a three-story building. The fire spread rapidly and destroyed the stable and the horses. The loss was estimated at \$9,000.

Political Potpourri.

Michael J. Flannery, of New York, has been elected a member of the New York State Assembly. He was elected in the 12th district. He is a member of the New York State Assembly.

Early Morning Fire.

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Train Strikes a Carriage.

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On his way back to prison McSherry took his hat at Chief Croker, of engine 10, who was a witness against him, and said: "You're persecuting me. It's an old grudge and I'll not let it die for me."

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Physiology and Pistol Practice for Police.

To the Editor: People passing along Fifth avenue in the vicinity of Thirty-first street, this morning, were thoroughly disgusted by the attempt of three policemen to put to death a very small dog. They found it necessary to fire five shots at the dog, but the dog was not killed. The dog was a small, black, and white dog. The dog was a small, black, and white dog. The dog was a small, black, and white dog.

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East-Side Police Enjoying Them Selves.

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Hold Up Truckman Enroute on Amsterdam Avenue for 10 Cents.

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He Has Traveled Long Island and Will Soon Start Again.

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BURGERS MADE TWO HAULS.

Then the Police Made One and Caught Four.

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HE WAS TOO PERSISTENT.

Ran Off with Murphy's Wife, and Called to Say Farewell.

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